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Judge Kolar Kottely
c/o Renata Hesse, Trial Attorney
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kottely,

As an independent business owner, I want to say that settling the Microsoft case is just the right thing to do! I understand that Microsoft agreed to new computer-maker flexibility and new Windows design obligations. Microsoft has been a remarkable American success story; its innovations have literally changed the way we live. Microsoft has created opportunities that make our lives easier and more efficient.

Our government should not punish innovation by attacking companies for being successful! AOL has spent millions to influence the government's action from which they alone stand to benefit. Innovators should be rewarded for their hard work and the risks they take in creating growth. That growth means new jobs for our communities!

Let's send America a strong message and settle these suits. By doing so, I believe we are supporting fair play and free enterprise.

Thank you for your valuable time!

Sincerely,

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